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REMARKS OF HON. THOMAS L. RAYMOND, MAYOR-ELECT OF NEWARK, AT SESSION OF SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH

*Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:* It affords me great pleasure to receive this great distinction of the meeting tonight, and especially so, as I am not yet a mayor. I am a near-mayor, or a mayor-elect, but I have enjoyed very much this wonderful demonstration of interest in this wonderful beginning of a union of our municipalities.

It is not for me to say anything here tonight, as we have able speakers who will present their views. It also is for the chair, it seems to me, to maintain a sort of judicial attitude toward the matter, as I suspect that the views of the speakers do not entirely agree with my own, but I take great pleasure in introducing to you a gentleman who is the law associate of the Honorable Elihu Root, and who is the Counsel for the Consolidated Gas Company of New York, Mr. Charles F. Mathewson.